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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Sam Farr addressed the House in support of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, before the legislation passed with a 264 -157 vote. The child nutrition legislation will increase access to healthy fruits and vegetables for school programs and lunch meals as well as connect schools with area farmers and fresh produce to be used in school cafeterias.

“You can’t grow a healthy America without nutrition and we have paid little attention to it,” said Congressman Sam Farr from the floor of House Chamber. “This bill is the start of better wellness in America, and healthier kids with healthier minds.”

In his remarks, Congressman Farr stressed the importance of providing healthier options to school children in an effort to decrease the affects of childhood obesity and preventable diseases like diabetes. In addition, the Congressman addressed the positive association of a healthier America and reductions in healthcare costs.

Complementing the new child nutrition legislation, Congressman Farr is continuing his efforts to

increase the access to salad bars in school cafeterias. With the support of First Lady Michelle Obama, Congressman Farr is working to provide the resources needed for more salad bar access through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Nutrition Service.

In a letter to Congress and President Obama, local organizations supporting the child nutrition legislation included: Grower-Shipper Association of Central California, Monterey County WIC Program, Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County and San Benito Health Foundation.

To view Congressman Farr's remarks please visit, www.farr.house.gov .

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